Testing sharpness in Japan
Posted by Allgonquin - 10 Feb 2013 21:53

No, not a Samurai. Something more mundane, but very cool nonetheless.

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Re: Testing sharpness in Japan
Posted by ChetParks - 10 Feb 2013 22:58

Wow, that's pretty impressive. One of the reasons I purchased the PPII is because I have a pretty extensive collection (about 28-29) Lie-Nielson hand planes, most are bronze and I thought I could figure out a way to sharpen the plane irons on the weps. For the irons that have a slot in the blade it was pretty easy. Just stand the blade on end (vertical)and centered in the vice. The top screw of the vice goes thru the slot of the blade to clamp and the bottom screw of the vice can either push against the plane blade or go thru the slot to push against the movable part of the vice. I've done several blades now and they turned out great. I had to play with the angle of the rods a little to get the right angle but with the angle cube it was easy. I'm now working on how to do blades without slots and then on to chisels. Just a FYI for any woodworkers out there.

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Re: Testing sharpness in Japan
Posted by Geocyclist - 10 Feb 2013 23:04

Wow, that is real impressive. All most harder to believe wood can be shaved that thin and that long of a strip than the fact the plane is so sharp.

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Re: Testing sharpness in Japan
Posted by JamesBell - 11 Feb 2013 07:35

Very Impressive, have never seen anything like that before. Any idea what type of wood?

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Re: Testing sharpness in Japan
Posted by Razoredge - 11 Feb 2013 19:20

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The wood is "hinoki". That's port oxford cedar to you and me. They also have contest using beam planes.

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Re: Testing sharpness in Japan
Posted by FredHermann - 11 Feb 2013 19:54

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That's insane.

I just don't have words.

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Re: Testing sharpness in Japan
Posted by PhilipPasteur - 11 Feb 2013 22:21

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Extremely impressive. I would have thought it impossible to get a continuous ribbon of wood of that length that thin. It is also very amazing that they operator can apply even pressure fro the length and keep the plane level accross the width of the wood..

WOW !!

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